



Starting to feel like Fall... **Town Initiatives – Snapshot**

Groundbreaking November 7, 2022 at 10:00 am. The Groundbreaking Event for the Karon Family Pavilion will kick off the construction of the privately donated stage and is included in the work underway at the Town Center site. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2023. Even though the site will be under construction, the Town is working with several event sponsors to offer programs on the property during this construction phase.

Don't Forget to Vote – National, State, County, and local governments have important offices, Charter questions, and other issues placed on November 8, 2022 ballots. If you haven't voted by absentee ballot, or early voting already, please make sure to vote on November 8.

Town Commission Seats- three of the seven Commission seats are up for re-election in March of 2023. Two of the three Commissioners have announced that they will not be seeking re-election (Seat 1 on the south end of the island and Seat 5 on the north end of the island). The District 3 seat is also up for re-election and Ken Schneier has announced that he will be seeking re-election. The qualifying period opened on October 1st and closes on November 21, 2022 at noon. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for additional information.

Hurricane Ian Recovery Efforts. The Town's contractor and the Florida Department of Transportation have been diligently picking up storm debris. The last day for residents to put out storm debris was October 28th. The final pass through neighborhoods is expected to wrap up in early November. After that, Waste Management will go back to the normal yard debris pick up schedule. For this storm, the federal government has agreed to pay 100% of the qualified storm debris and storm preparation costs that have occurred within 60 days of the Storm.

Town Manager Transition- On October 17th, the Town Commission approved a contract extension through February 6 for the current Town Manager. This ensures an overlap and smooth transition with the new Town Manager Howard Tipton. His official first day is January 30th.

Undergrounding Project. Our contractor was called to assist FPL as part of the initial storm response, but they are now back on the island. Several switch orders activating the new transformers that have been installed were submitted to FPL for approval before the storm. Now that the initial storm response is over, the Town's project team is seeking FPL authorization for that work. This will allow our contractor to start to work on the conversion of individual properties. The next public project update to the Town Commission is scheduled for December 12th.

Verizon Wireless Coverage. The Verizon 9 small cell pole placement is complete. The staff is working with Verizon and FPL on the timing to finish setting the meters. Once the poles are energized Verizon will then calibrate the signals and activate the enhanced coverage on the north end of the island.

Gulfstream & U.S. 41 Roundabout Project. The FDOT has indicated that the roundabout project may be delayed slightly due to Hurricane Ian impacts and the related delays for certain materials. The project was originally scheduled for a November completion. Check out their progress and anticipated opening at FDOT Project Website: <http://www.swflroads.com/gulfstreamroundabout/>

Alert Longboat Key Emergency Notification System. If you haven't registered yet, please do so. Hurricane Ian was a good example of how important it is to have timely emergency management information. E-mail sphillips@longboatkey.org with your name, Longboat Key address, phone number(s), and e-mail address(es). Your registration will be confirmed by return email.

Upcoming Public Meetings/Events

- November 7, 2022 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Meeting
- November 8, 2022 7am-7pm General Election
- November 9, 2022 10:00 am Special Magistrate
- November 14, 2022 1:00 pm Town Commission Regular Workshop Meeting
- November 15, 2022 9:15 am Planning & Zoning Board Regular Meeting
- November 18, 2022 9:00 am Consolidated Retirement System Board of Trustees

Fast Fact(s)

The Town collected 473 loads of debris which equals 23,887 cubic yards! (this does not include FDOT/GMD work)